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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Turner

SUBJECT : Your Article, "The State of U.S. Intelligence Today"

1. I am told this article will not be published as planned but is available for some future opportunity. I fear that it will precipitate further criticism and some misunderstanding, both of which I want you to avoid.

2. Major Criticisms:

a. I doubt many will believe the assertion that over time openness will confirm that we have reformed (p.2). This is asking too much to be credible. The article makes it clear that we will always have our secrets.

b. Specifically, pointing to the case of charges dropped against two ITT officials seems unnecessary and could jeopardize those involved (p.3).

c. Throughout the discussion of foreign policies (p.7) use is made of "we," e.g., who we should support. The hurried reader or those who know CIA often provides covert support will misinterpret your focus here on the need for expanded analytical capabilities.

d. The article is blatantly anti-Soviet. Believe you should speak of adversaries rather than singling out the Soviets.

3. I presume the article has been read by other senior officials. If not, I suggest that Bob Bowie, Tony Lapham, and John McMahon plus the DDCI do so. In any event, even they are too close to what is meant by the attached. Since this is a major piece, I would suggest that you make arrangements to show the article to a few partially detached externals, e.g., Secretaries Vance and Brown, Chairman Boland, and Bill Bowdler. In the past, DCIs have cleared or informed the National Security Advisor.



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